



SAN ANTONIO, Tex. -- Airman 2nd Class David V. Moreno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine R. Moreno of 435 River Road, has left for duty in Vietnam, after being home for a one month leave.

St. John the Evangelist Guild Mardi Gras Is Tues., Feb. 7

It will be Mardi Gras time, country style, in Agawam on Tuesday, Feb. 7, when the Cumberland Homesteaders, a bluegrass band, entertain at the next meeting of St. John the Evangelist Guild in their church hall. There will be hooting, howling, stomping, clapping, singing, square dancing, and plenty of good listening and playing of country music.

This will be husbands' night for the women of the guild, but any admirer of good country music may attend by just contacting any guild member. Bales of hay, pitchforks, milkstools, lanterns, harnesses, etc., will help create a country scene, as will the casual and country dress of the ladies, their husbands, and guests.

The Cumberland Homesteaders have played at many college folk music programs in the immediate area and are seen each Saturday night on WHYN's program, "40 Country Music." The group consists of Bob Allen, the leader, who plays the banjo, dobro, autoharp, and sings. He also makes instruments and does all the arranging. Ronnie Haynes plays the bass fiddle. Joanne Haynes, his wife and sister of Mr. Allen, sings, as well as strums the guitar. Tom Haynes, no relation, comes right out of bluegrass country in Virginia and plays the mandolin.

Working with Mrs. Ronald Gloster, hospital chairman, and Mrs. Thomas Haynes, in charge of program, is Mrs. John Tanner, Mrs. Charles Campbell, Mrs. Andrew Arnold, Mrs. Clifford Lagassie, Mrs. Alfred Trehey, Mrs. Bernard Paine, and Mrs. Florence Carey.

MOST ALL VETERANS BENEFITS ARE TAX FREE VA SAYS

Practically all veteran benefits are tax-free and need not be reported on income tax returns, William F. Connors, manager of the Boston VA Office noted today in answer to calls from taxpayers.

However, interest earned on GI life insurance dividends left on deposit with the VA is not classed as a benefit, but earned income and must be reported on tax returns. Both proceeds of the GI policy and the dividends themselves are tax-free and need not be reported. Other VA benefits which are not taxable include:

Education and training allowances, subsistence payments to disabled veterans in vocational rehabilitation training, compensation and pension payments, grants to veterans for so-called "wheelchair" homes and motor vehicles, and all benefits to families of deceased veterans.

Information and assistance on VA benefits may be obtained at the VA Contact Division, Room E-118, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Government Center, Boston, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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THE SUN IS OUR UNDOING

by Florence Moreno

Sunlight shining down on us does strange things. It knits and purls the gases it passes through, compounding some, altering others, creating strange heavens above us. In the stratosphere it creates a layer of ozone over the earth, which in turn traps and absorbs ultraviolet rays from the sun. Without ozone at this height, we would be burned to death. It also acts as an insulating blanket to keep the earth's heat from being lost in space. But when the same sun creates the same ozone at "breathing level," just a little bit is too much. In some mysterious fashion, inversion conditions and smog, with which we are becoming increasingly familiar, are ideal for the formation of ozone. Another component of smog, with which we are all familiar, is the combo of hydrocarbons. On a sunny day, these gases join with nitrogen oxides and form a syndicate known as Murder, Inc. It is the strange nature of this malevolent assortment of poisons that when they combine with each other the potency of each is magnified and increased.

Throughout the ages of man, in each period of time, the prevailing causes of death corresponded to the living conditions, and today's conditions are such that there may not be many tomorrows.

In our own bailiwick, we have the constant nuisance of the dump across the river. The famous LETTER to the Attorney General, about the legendary and mysterious INJUNCTION, was written more than two weeks ago, I was told. Now the mystery is - was it mailed? Was it read? Seems like some people keep "fixed" on slow pills.

What doth it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and he has no air to breathe?

DO YOU CARE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT? HAVE YOU NOTIFIED YOUR SELECTMEN? WOULD YOU LIKE INFORMATION TO DISCUSS AT YOUR NEXT CLUB MEETING? GET IN TOUCH WITH ME.

President Johnson Says Scouting Has Great Influence On Americans

President Lyndon B. Johnson today (Wed.) told the 5.8 million members of the Boy Scouts of America that "Boy Scout Week calls our attention to the wholesome influence of scouting on the lives of millions of Americans - and thus on our progress as a nation."

He voiced the hope that the XII World Jamboree to be held August 1 to 9 at Farragut State Park, Idaho, "will quicken among boys of many nations the desire for understanding and passion for peace upon which rests the future of all men."

The President's message for Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13, marking scouting's 57th anniversary, was released here by the Pioneer Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America through Russell G. Exley, Scout Executive. Mr. Exley received the message through Chief Scout Executive Joseph A. Brunton, Jr.

The President's message follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

"To the Boy Scouts of America and Their Leaders.

"Every society has bested its hope for tomorrow in the caliber of its youth. For youngsters without purpose or inspiration will grow into a generation without leadership or concern.

"Young men must be trained well in the duties and opportunities of citizenship. They must develop strength of character and an intense loyalty to the institutions of freedom. They must be physically fit and mentally keen.

"The Boy Scouts of America adopt these qualities as goals.

"Boy Scout Week calls our attention to the wholesome influence of scouting on the lives of millions of Americans - and thus on our progress as a nation. It also is an occasion for commending the volunteers and sponsors who sustain the Boy Scout movement.

"And in this special year, I want to join in welcoming scouts of other lands to the United States. I trust that the 1967 World Scout

Jamboree will quicken among boys of many nations the desire for understanding and passion for peace upon which rests the future of all men."

(Signed) Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Johnson is honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America. He is the fourth President to have had an active record with scouting before entering the White House. He was an active scout leader with the Capitol Area Council at Austin, Texas, serving on its exploring committee. He was a member of the National Council from 1959 through 1963. In 1963 he helped to organize Post 1200 in Washington, D.C., which was chartered to the House of Representatives for page boys working in the U.S. Congress. In 1964 before addressing the Sixth National Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., on July 23, 1964, he was presented scouting's highest honor, the Silver Buffalo Award for distinguished service to boyhood.

The three earlier Presidents with scouting records were: Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of the organizers and President of the Greater New York Councils; Dwight D. Eisenhower, member of the National Executive Board since 1948, and John F. Kennedy, member of Troop 2, Bronxville, N.Y., from 1929 to 1931 and a leader of the Boston Council.

Career Conference For Feb.

February 8, 1967: "Andover Business Institute," Miss Mary Laponis, Director of Admissions, Andover Business Institute, Springfield, Mass.

February 15, 1967: "St. Francis Xavier University," Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Mr. Joseph Buckley.

In the Colombian town of Alexandria, State of Antioquia, 300 farmers are paid in CARE food gifts while they build farm-to-market roads. The 10-month project "payroll" will total 4,000 CARE Food Crusade packages, subscribed by Americans at a dollar per package.

Legislative Duties Deserve Increased Pay, A.I.M. Says

BOSTON - The level of compensation does play an important part in the importance, status, attitude and calibre of performance of any job, including that of the legislator, a spokesman for the Associated Industries of Massachusetts told the Legislative Committee on Public Service today.

Walter P. Muther, counsel for the 2300 member manufacturers' association, made the observation in remarks before the committee which was holding hearings at the State House on increased salaries for legislators.

"There is no question that there is a growing public acceptance that compensation should bear a reasonable relationship to the responsibilities, time and work load involved in a job," Muther said. "We have all too long seemed to forget that we are dealing with a basic institution of our free society.

"The industrial community, in this basic industrial state, is dedicated, at a fundamental level, to making this legislative institution work well. While compensation alone will not guarantee this, it is a necessary condition when high performance is sought and expected in today's world.

"The Legislature itself is a very important business that we can ill afford to neglect. We must recognize that the level of compensation does play an important part in the importance, status, attitude and calibre of performance on the job.

"The basic question in this matter is whether or not elected representatives of our Massachusetts General Court should receive adequate compensation for the nature and type of service we feel entitled to expect from them in today's world," Muther added.

"We continue to believe that this question should be answered affirmatively and unequivocally."

CALL TO THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The first services of the World Day of Prayer are held in the Tonga Islands in the South Pacific. Since the beginning of observances in these islands, Queen Salote Tupou led her people in the preparation and carrying out of the services. In 1965 Queen Salote died after ruling for 47 years. A few months before her death she completed the World Day of Prayer service to be used around the world on February 10, 1967. The theme and nature of this service is most appropriate to come from this regal woman of strong Christian faith.

All women of all churches in the community are invited to share in this service of prayer of February 10, 1967, 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Methodist Church.

AIR FORCE CAREERS FOR COLLEGE GRADS

In this modern age - the century of science - specialization has become increasingly important in the professional world. New and sophisticated industrial equipment requires so much knowledge that man cannot absorb sufficient training to be proficient in varied areas. "The United States Air Force is no different in this respect," said Sgt. Wesley R. Vereen, Air Force Recruiter. "Specialization is necessary in flying supersonic aircraft... manning missile complexes... conducting space probes and a multitude of jobs throughout the Air Force."

The Air Force has a real need, right now, for many specialists. Special opportunities are open to young college graduates with a major in the scientific-engineering fields. "College graduates have excellent opportunities to apply their knowledge in the Air Force," reports Sgt. Vereen. Applicants must have a college degree, be in good physical condition, and be willing to work hard. Attendance at Officer Training School is the first step to an Air Force career. Graduation from Officer's Training School leads to a lieutenant's commission.

As an officer, the scientific-engineering specialist deals with design, development, installation, modification, testing and analysis of vital Air Force equipment. The officer finds a whole new world of opportunity and challenge. He is given the responsibility comparable to his capabilities.

The college graduate will find a rewarding and enriching career in the United States Air Force. Additional information concerning Officer Training School may be obtained from Sgt. Vereen whose Air Force Recruiting Office is located at Room 304, 145 State Street, Springfield, Mass.

ALA CITES RESTAURANT IN THOMPSONVILLE

THOMPSONVILLE, Conn. - The Automobile Legal Association has presented its annual "New England's Finest Dining Award" to the Mountain Laurel Restaurant, 701 Enfield Street.

John F. Lee, the ALA's Connecticut manager, presented the award for 1967 to John Trappe, owner-manager of the restaurant, during a meeting of the Enfield Chamber of Commerce at the restaurant (Tuesday night, January 31).

The coveted award cites the restaurant for providing "the most pleasant dining experience for travelers to New England," Lee said.

Selection of the restaurant was based on recommendations by ALA travel officials.

Previous award winners were the Christopher Ryder House, Chatham, Mass., and The Lodge at Smugglers' Notch, Stowe, Vermont.

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YMCA Program Starts Feb. 7

Ernest C. Swanson, chairman of the Agawam Branch section of the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA's annual sustaining membership enrollment, today announced his key aides and teams organization. Mr. Swanson indicated that the Agawam organization would total 60 workers with a goal of \$3,000. The Agawam Branch is one of six units in the total metropolitan-wide enrollment effort which has a goal of \$33,600 and is chaired by Ralph L. Countryman, vice-president of American Bosch Arma Corp.

The sustaining effort will get under way on Tuesday, Feb. 7, with a kick-off dinner at the Sheraton Motor Inn and will run until Feb. 20. Mr. Swanson stated that sustaining members are persons interested in the work of the

Agawam YMCA wishing to support its efforts through their affiliation, even though they personally do not participate actively in the program. Major support of the sustaining membership is applied towards the program for boys and girls conducted by the branch in the Agawam community. A training session for group leaders and teams workers was held last Friday in the new activity room of the Agawam "Y" at their headquarters on Perry Street and it was well-attended by an enthusiastic group of workers. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Swanson, who was assisted by Fred Affleck and E.F. Faubert, general secretary.

Team captains and their workers are as follows: No. 1, Fred Affleck, captain; Arthur Leary, Santo Cannarella, Charles Astifan, and Clark Greenough. No. 2, James Pease, captain; Charles McCobb, Clinton Warren, John Hauser, Charles Hodges. No. 3, Mrs. Elaine Taupier, captain; Vinton Gregory, Merle Stanton, Nancy Edwards, Annette Hannon, Mrs. Lillian Doyle. No. 4, John Williams, captain; Ralph Webster, Mrs. Betty Pond, Raymond



ERNEST C. SWANSON

Orr. No. 5, Mrs. Madeline Negrucci, captain; William McLellan, Archie Taylor, Mrs. Patricia Sakellis, Mrs. Louise Moreno, Miss Jennie Lucas. No. 6, Mrs. Stella Gallerani, captain; Charles Calabrese, Harold Walker, Alfred Gallerani, Charles Tyler, Vincent Gallerani, Nicholas Zucco. No. 7, Anthony Naciewicz, captain; James Loomis, John Pulopek, Harry Williams, Robert Smith. No. 8, John Mikszewski, captain; Thomas H. Casiello, Paul J. Adams, Jr., John Chriscola, Charles Benoit, Vito Depalo. No. 9, Mrs. Jean Clifford, captain; Mrs. Rita Moore, Ted Wallace, Mrs. Margaret Leonardi, Paul Query, Norman Roberts. No. 10, Brady Snyder, captain; Platon George, Miss Emma Ricci, Mrs. Barbara Cook, and James Devecchi.

During big winter storms, use public transportation. . . But if you must use a motor vehicle, be sure that the vehicle is in top shape for winter driving. Stalled cars are a deterrent to snow removal and cause unnecessary traffic tieups. It is a good idea to carry emergency equipment in the car for difficult situations such as a bucket of sand, a shovel, booster cables, tire chains, and a tow chain or strap. . . Police and fire equipment must be able to move at all times.

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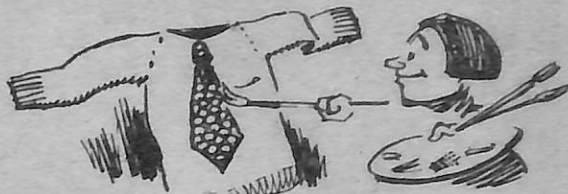
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IT MAKES YOU THINK by Eric Sloane

One of the best things that ever happened to the American male in my opinion has been the sweat shirt. It wasn't the best name for the garment; they could have at least called it a "perspiration blouse," but what I like most about it is that you don't need a neck tie with it. One stubborn restaurateur said I couldn't enter his place with a sweat shirt. "You must have a neck tie on," he said. So I went out to the car where I have a little kit of paints, and I painted down the front of my sweat shirt a nice big polka-dotted tie. That really left the fellow speechless and he decided to let me in. I'll admit he put me way over in a corner, though.

The other day I spent some time as a witness in court, and it was fun picking out the good guys and the bad guys. Funny thing how all the defendants brought before the bar had no neck ties. Of course, the judge and the clerks and the lawyers and the other good guys were nicely ribboned, and it made me think and wonder about that strange American emblem, the necktie. It isn't a garment, and it is much more than just a decoration, so I guess you have to call it an emblem.

One time in my haste to get dressed, I forgot to put on a necktie and only when I went to a restaurant to meet a lady friend did I learn about my terrible mistake. "Sorry, sir," said the head waiter, "but we can't serve you unless you are wearing a tie."

"Will it be alright if I tie a shoelace around my neck?" I asked. "I guess that would be better than nothing," he admitted.

Another time I met the same lady for luncheon, and after a while she said, "O.K. You've had your fun, but I don't like it a bit."

"I haven't the slightest idea what you are talking about," I said.

"Of course you know," she replied, "that you have two neckties on." Indeed I had not realized I'd put on one tie that morning, when I found my collar still buttoned and upturned. So without thinking, I had put on another tie. They didn't even match. I wonder what became of that lady. Never saw her again.

Actually the necktie isn't as old a custom as most people think. Not until the 1900's has the dictionary accepted the word; before that it was in all dictionaries as a "neck-cloth." I guess it was the high stiff collar that made the great ribbon gain its prestige.

Back as far as the early 1800's, however, the word necktie meant the hangman's knot and there are written records of "necktie socials" or "necktie parties," referring to lynchings. So our word necktie seems to have started in ridicule when neck-cloths began to get so fancy and colorful in the late 1800's. "They won't pay any attention to you in the big city," said one farmer, "unless you're wearing a gol-durned silk hangman's knot around your neck."

SKI TIPS



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TRAVERSE RUNNING POSITION

By Ace Manley

Director, Big Bromley Ski School

The traverse position is used for crossing the slope. Since it is quite difficult to hold the snowplow position for any length of time, the traverse position is used more extensively.

In the traverse position, the skis are parallel and quite close together. Most of the weight is on the downhill ski. The uphill ski, knee, hip, and shoulder are slightly advanced.

To keep most of the weight on the downhill ski, the downhill shoulder is dropped over the downhill ski.

The knees and ankles are slightly flexed forward with poles held at the sides and pointed behind the skier.

As the skier moves across the slope horizontally at a slight downhill angle, the skis are on their uphill edges, so that the direction of motion is exactly the same as that in which the skis point. If this is true, there should not be any sideslipping.

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GRANGER SCHOOL

MON: shell mac, w/meat & tom. sauce, but. gr. bns., b&b, fruit. TUES: ov. fr. chick, pars, pot., peas, cranb. sauce, b&b, ice cr. WED: juice, gr. ch. sand, pean. but. sand., but. car., 1/2 hd. bid. egg, peach. THURS: juice, frank. on but. roll, rel. & must., pot. chips, 7 min. cab., ap. crisp. FRI: tom. soup (crack), tuna fish sal. sand., sl. meat sand., cel. & car. stix, cook., fr. fruit.

PEIRCE SCHOOL

MON: or. juice, bkd. corn, beef hash, ch. cube, but. gr. & vel. bns., jel. sand., pean. but. cook. TUES: ch. burg., but. mix. vege., car. stix, pean. but. sand., cit. fr. cup. WED: fruit punch, ov. fr. chick, pars, but. sl. pot., but. peas, b&b, tutti fruiti pud. THURS: beef pot. pie w/bisc. top, but. broc., b&b, pineap. des. FRI: gr. ch. sand., 1/2 dev. egg., st. tom., cel. stix, fr. jel. w/top.

DANAHY SCHOOL

MON: juice, meat ball grind., but. gr. bns., cake sq. TUES: bkd. lasag. w/meat & ch. sauce, but. car., ch. wedge, b&b, pur. plums. WED: mash, pot., bkd. chick., but. broc., cranb. sauce, b&b, fr. jel. w/top. THURS: juice, hamb. in roll w/kef., cole slaw w/car. & gr. pep., prune sp. cake. FRI: mash, pot., bkd. fish w/tar. sauce, but. corn, b&b, grapefr. sec., pean. but. cookie.

SO. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MON: or. juice, hamb. w/gry. on but. rice, but. gr. bns., pean. but. w/hon. on rye br., fresh pear. TUES: cit. juice, chick. soup w/vege. & nood., crack., chick. sal. on hd. roll, cel. stix, easy fr. cake w/top. WED: Ital. spag. w/meat & tom. sauce, Germ. cole slaw, but. Vien. sand., purp. plums. THURS: cit. juice, frank. in but. roll, must. & rel., but. car., ch. stix, spice cake w/but. frost. FRI: clam chow., crack., gr. ch. sand., car. stix, fr. ap., choc. chip cookie.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

MON: meat balls w/sauce, mash, pot., but. peas & car., b&b, fruit. TUES: or. juice, cold cut grind. (meat, ch. let. & tom.), pot. chips, sl. pick., sp. rais. cake w/but. frost. WED: tom. soup w/rice, car. stix, egg sal. sand., fr. fruit, cookie. THURS: juice, hamb. on but. roll, catsup, but. corn, strawb. sh. cake. FRI: juice, gr. ch. sand., pean. but. sand., pot. chips, tos, gr. sal., peaches.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MON: juice, meat loaf, mash, pot., but. corn, choc. pud., b&b. TUES: juice, frank. on roll, h.m. bkd. bns., sl. peach., oatmeal cook., pean. but. sand. WED: juice, hamb. on bun, but. car., purp. plums, pean. but. sand. THURS: juice, shell mac, w/meat sauce, cab. & car. sal, fresh pears, pean. but. cook., b&b. FRI: ov. fr. chick., pars. pot., broc., b&b, jel. w/top.

HIGH SCHOOL

MON: gr. ham w/pineap., pars. pot., ap. sauce, wh. wheat b&b, fresh pear. TUES: juice, ch. burg., pot. chips, but. car., pean. but.

sand., choc. cake w/but. icing. WED: juice, tuna sal. sailboat, but. gr. bns., pean. but. sand., deep dish apple pie, ch. wedge. THURS: meat ball grind., cab. & car. sal., pean. but. sand., peach. FRI: juice, piz. w/tom. & ch. sauce, gar. sal. w/spin. grns., pean. but. sand., pean. but. cook. MILK SERVED WITH ALL MEALS

Eggs Help On A Diet

AMHERST -- The widespread prevalence of mid-morning hunger pangs among America's working population is often traceable to skimpy, unbalanced breakfasts, says Dr. Elwood Reber, nutritionist in the Department of Nutrition and Foods, School of Home Economics at the University of Mass.

Dr. Reber points out that people in normally good health should have a breakfast including ample protein and some fats in order to stave off hunger pangs usually occurring an hour or so before lunch. "Eggs for breakfast," says Dr. Reber, "supply enough complete protein with sufficient fats to comprise a comparatively long-lasting energy source."

Diet-conscious persons who eliminate fats from meals without a medical directive to do so are sometimes prone to hunger pangs, according to Dr. Reber, who states that fats in the diet will delay hunger pangs.

Dr. Reber says that eggs, because they are a highly concentrated and balanced nutrition source — providing complete protein, amino acids, vitamins, and minerals — "may well be considered as part of a regular diet, even for those on reducing diets."

Let's Hear It For The United States Post Office

Postmaster Robert R. DeForge today called attention of Agawam mailers to the new "Postal Customer's Bill of Rights" to help meet President Johnson's governmentwide goal of improving the quality of federal services to the public.

Directed at post office window services, Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien has ordered the Customer's Bill of Rights implemented by two immediate steps at Agawam.

1. Posters will be displayed in the post office lobby and service counters containing 10 points which specify the kind of treatment customers have a right to expect.

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2. Instructions from Mr. O'Brien call for careful observance of all points in the "Postal Customer's Bill of Rights." The instructions also provide directions for the most efficient management of window services. The posters tell customers they are entitled to:

1. A neat, clean counter on which to transact business.
3. Service by a well-groomed, neat window employee.
2. A friendly greeting that expresses a desire to assist.
4. Knowledgeable, well-informed, interested window personnel to help with postal needs.
5. Prompt, alert and efficient service.
6. Competent and correct information on inquiries.
7. An attitude that reflects helpfulness, patience and congeniality.
8. The courtesy and tact that would be expected from a friend.
9. Polite referral to another window or individual when necessary to give the appropriate service.
10. A feeling, upon leaving, that the post office is glad to serve and help at all times.

Agawam Guild, HFLC, Meeting Set For Feb. 8

Agawam Guild, Holy Family League of Charity, will hold its February meeting on Wednesday, the 8th, at Storowton Inn, at which time they will invite husbands, fathers, brothers, or friends of members as guests, to the Valentine meeting. Members of the guild will attend Ash Wednesday services in their respective churches prior to the meeting. Attendance drawing will be made promptly at 9:15.

Included among the awards will be Valentine candy and flowers. Mrs. Benjamin Bassani is in charge of door prizes for the meeting. Mrs. Thomas Danford, guild president, will preside at the business meeting.

Valentine decorations will feature the traditional red and white colors and will be in charge of Mrs. Frank Maziarz and Mrs. William Gazillo. Table decorations will carry out the Valentine theme.

Mrs. Robert Carney, chancellor, will lead the members of the Holy Family prayer, Gift of the month for the homeless children at Our Lady of Providence Home for children are socks for boys and girls, sizes 8 to 10-1/2. These will be collected by Mrs. Gustave Benoit, gift collector.

Mrs. Mary Schooncraft is in charge of the program which will follow the business meeting. Reports will be heard from Mrs. Paul Myers, card party chairman, and from Mrs. Carney regarding Holy Family prayer cards which will be made available to families in Agawam upon request.

Msgr. Joseph Russell of the Chancery office will bring a spiritual message to the members. Msgr. Russell is spiritual advisor to Agawam Guild. New members are welcome to join and may have further information by contacting any member.

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College Group Songfest In Longmeadow, Feb. 10

Singing groups from six New England colleges will participate in an inter-collegiate songfest Friday evening, Feb. 10, at 8:30 p.m. at the Longmeadow Community House.

Sponsors of the event, the first in Longmeadow, are the Keynotes of Bay Path Junior College.

Featured in informal concert will be the Yale Spizzwinks, the Wellesley Widows, the Amherst DQ's, the Mount Holyoke V-8's, the Scotchmen of Springfield College, and the Keynotes.

The repertoire of these small singing groups, many of which have a long and colorful history, emphasizes traditional college and folk songs, show tunes, and other light music.

The Longmeadow songfest will be patterned after similar annual events in Hartford and other college communities, according to M. Lewis Spratlin, Jr., director of music at Bay Path. It will be open to the public at no charge.

Miss Jane Salisbury of Suffield, Connecticut, a senior at Bay Path, is coordinating the songfest as business manager of the Keynotes.

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By MRS. GLADYS CATCHEPAUGH

WHAT IS "AMERICANISM?"

February is the month in which the American Legion Auxiliary stresses Americanism.

Just what is "Americanism?" Are we a bragging, boastful people that think we are better than other people? Because we have so much, do we feel superior?

Or do we feel that knowing we have a wonderful homeland, we have a great responsibility to keep it fine? That each one living in this land, by doing his best to make his own community fine, is doing his part to make a decent world?

Mrs. W.A. Pierce, one of our Past National Chaplains, wrote in National News -

"Living in these trying times, seeing and hearing of the things which are happening and threatening to happen all over the world, even in our own, the strongest and greatest of all nations, reminds us to look back, to take stock as it were, and try to analyze just what has happened.

"Ours is the greatest Republic in the history of mankind. Our homeland was carved out of a vast wilderness by heroic men and women who determined, at any cost, that their children and their children's children, might live in freedom under God. It is our sacred responsibility to help protect that heritage and to preserve it for future generations."

After mentioning the present crime wave, much of the juvenile indiscretions traceable to the failure of adults to meet their moral obligations; and from without, the threat of international communism, she concludes with this prayer:

"We thank Thee, Almighty God, for the rich heritage of this good land, for the evidence of Thy favor in the past, and for the Hand that hath made us and preserved us a nation.

"We thank Thee for the men and women who, by blood and sweat, by toil and tears, forged on the anvil of their own sacrifice all that we hold dear. May we never lightly esteem what they obtained at great price. Grateful for rights and privileges, may we be conscious of duties and obligations. In this month we thank Thee for the inspiration that breathes in the memory of Abraham Lincoln, and we pray that something of the spirit that was his may be ours today. Like him, may we be more concerned that we are on Thy side, than that Thou art on ours. In our hearts may there be, as there was in his, 'Malice toward none and charity for all'; that we may, together with Thy blessing and help, 'bind up the nation's wounds and do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.'"

May we in all sincerity make this our prayer for this month of Americanism.

NOTES

Regular Unit meeting, February 6, at 8 p.m. in the Legion Home. All our ailing members seem to be on the mend. We hope they can be with us Monday evening.

The February smorgasbord and dance will be held on Saturday evening, February 18th, under the chairmanship of Ed Bovat and Peg Brown. Where else can one have so delicious a meal and an evening from the committee?

Tentative date for the SAL and Auxiliary Junior officers is Feb. 12th. Honor them with your presence.

Americanism Chairman Miss Shirley Belcher urges all members to display their flags on Feb. 12th and 22nd.

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More than 250 New England experts will attend the 56th annual convention of New England Nurserymen's Association at the Hotel Somerset in Boston on February 7-9.

The three-day parley will get under way on Tuesday, the 7th, noon when Reuben Lebeaux of Shrewsbury, association president, will deliver the annual report during the luncheon. Featured speakers will be Philip Bacon of American Association of Nurserymen, who will speak on "What's Happening in Washington."

Wednesday will be devoted to an educational day program. Morning speaker will be Dr. Sidney Waxman of College of Agriculture, University of Connecticut, on "Treatment and Preservation of Burlap for Nursery Use," and Sidney B. Hutton, Jr. of West Grove, Pa., past president of AAN and a member of beautification committee of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The afternoon program will include a panel discussion of wholesaler-retailer relationships. Moderator for retailers will be Albert E. Spencer, Jr. of Old Colony Landscape Service, Weymouth, and for the wholesalers, Jan Sybesma of Imperial Nurseries, Hartford, Conn.

Featured afternoon speaker will be Paul E. Rogers, landscape supervisor, College of Holy Cross, Worcester, and of Stonehedge Gardens, Charlton, who will speak on "The Institution - Its Potential for the Nurseryman."

The program for Thursday will include a business session with election of officers and committee reports. A slide and film presentation, "Joy of Living," will be given by Walter Bischoff of Providence, R.I. This presentation features colorful highlights of the four seasons.

More than 250 leading tree, plant and shrub horticulturists will be represented at the sessions, including Laurie and Atwater Nurseries. The organization is affiliated with the American Association of Nurserymen and accounts for \$24,000,000 in shrubs and trees annually in the New England area.

TRI-PARISH LEAGUE 18

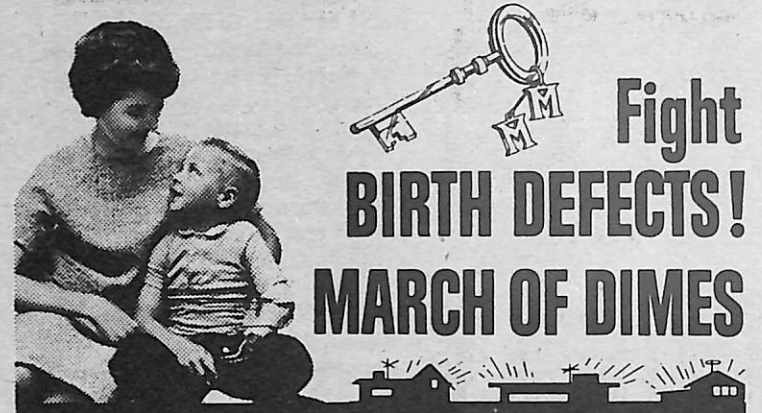
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8. Villanova	25	24325	Reed	75.48
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11. Loyola	22	23765	Zerra	103
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1. Shugda	93.10			
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